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THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island
FACULTY SENATE
BILL
Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar
Committee Report #1990-91-4: Changes in Chapter Eight of the
UNIVERSITY MANUAL
is forwarded for your
consideration.
2. The original and two copies for your use are included.
3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on September 26, 1991.
(date)
4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval
or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of
Governors, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
5. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws,
this bill will become effective October 17, 1991,
three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for
implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved;
(3) you forward it to the Board of Governors for their approval; or (4)
the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is
forwarded to the Board of Governors, it will not become effective until
approved by the Board.

September 27, 1991
(date)

Leonard M. Kahn

Leonard M. Kahn
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

Returned.

- a. Approved ✓.
- b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Governors _____.
- c. Disapproved _____.

October 10, 1991
(date)

Robert L. Carothers
President

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE
REPORT #1990-91-4

CHANGES IN CHAPTER EIGHT OF THE UNIVERSITY MANUAL

I. COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP) GENERAL EXAMINATIONS

A. Recommendation

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that section 8.15.11 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL be amended to read as proposed:

Existing

8.15.11 Eligible students are encouraged to take the CLEP General Examinations before or during their first semester at the University. Students enrolled in the BGS Program must take the exams during their first semester in the Program. Credits earned by CLEP General Examinations shall not increase a student's credit total beyond 45 semester credit hours.

Proposed

8.15.11 Eligible students are encouraged to take the CLEP General Examinations, after conferring with an advisor, before or during their first semester at the University. Students enrolled in BGS 100 customarily take the CLEP General Examinations. Credits placed on the student's record as a result of passing scores for CLEP General Examinations, in combination with all other earned credit, may not exceed 45 credits.

B. Rationale

The primary concern is that students should understand that, regardless of how many credits they were awarded for CLEP General Examinations successfully completed, their total of all credits, CLEP General Examination credits and course credits earned, may not exceed 45 at the time the CLEP credits are posted.

II. GRADUATION

A. Recommendation

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that section 8.22.10 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL be amended to read as proposed on the following page:

Existing

8.22.10...A student who leaves the University and is subsequently readmitted may choose to meet the requirements in effect at the time of initial matriculation with permission of the dean of the degree granting college...

Proposed

8.22.10...A student who leaves the University and is subsequently readmitted may choose to meet the requirements in effect at the time of initial matriculation except that students returning to matriculated status after a period of more than eight years must follow the current General Education requirements...

B. Rationale

The proposed change makes the paragraph consistent with the University Bulletin and current practice with regard to General Education requirements.

III. ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR MATRICULATING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

A. Recommendation

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that section 8.23.10 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL be amended by deleting the underlined words "probation and" and adding the word "attempted" which appears in bold letters:

8.23.10 Academic Standards for Matriculating Undergraduate Students. A student shall be placed on scholastic probation if the student's overall cumulative scholastic average falls below a 2.00. For purposes of determining probation and dismissal of part-time students, scholastic standing committees shall consider an accumulation of twelve (12) **attempted** credits as the minimum standard for one semester's work.

B. Rationale

Probation is a warning and should be issued to any student who falls below a 2.00; dismissal should take place only after the warning and after the student has attempted the equivalent of a full-time semester. "Attempted" credits would include "incomplete" and "Not Reported" designations.

IV. REINSTATEMENT OF MATRICULATING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

8.25.13

A. Recommendation

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that section 8.25.13 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL be amended to read as proposed:

Existing

8.25.13 A student who has been reinstated after dismissal for academic reasons may be classified as a conditional student or as a probationary student...

Proposed

8.25.13 Students dismissed for academic reasons may be reinstated either under conditional readmission or under probationary readmission. Students with a deficiency of eight or more quality points below 2.00 who left the University but were not dismissed may be reinstated in either of the above categories...

B. Rationale

This change permits the academic dean to readmit a student to conditional status even though the student had not been previously dismissed (e.g., a student who in his/her first semester earned a 1.10 grade point would not be dismissed; if that student left the University at the end of that semester, the deans would like the opportunity to permit the student to return at a later date using the same forgiveness procedure accorded to students who were dismissed.

8.25.14

A. Recommendation

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that section 8.25.14 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL be amended by adding the words in **bold letters**:

8.25.14 Students on conditional status must earn at least a 2.00 in each of two conditional semesters. For part-time students, accumulation of twelve **graded credits (A-F or U) at the University** shall be equivalent to one semester. Students not earning the necessary minimum grades for

retention in the University during the conditional period shall be dismissed at the end of the first semester in which they are deficient. Conditional students may not appeal such dismissal.

B. Rationale

The first proposed change (inserting the word "graded") eliminates grades of "P" and "S" and credit earned by examination from the accumulation. The second change eliminates the use of transfer credit to satisfy the requirement. The new last sentence makes it very clear that students who do not satisfy the conditions established at the time of readmission do not have the right to appeal the dismissal action.

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